



**All entries must be received by 11:59pm on September 16, 2018**

Please complete and email this form to [mknoerlein@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mknoerlein@howardcountymd.gov) with "Why I Play" in the subject line.  
Incomplete submission forms may be disqualified for consideration at our discretion.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Submitting Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### TERMS OF SERVICE

Entrant represents and warrants that the submitted entry is an original, non-published work that does not infringe the rights or intellectual property claims of any third parties. By entering the contest, contestants agree to have their submitted essay displayed on the Internet without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks may display winning essay in Howard County newsletters, websites, social posts, marketing materials, and in future contest promotions. In the event that ownership of any essay submitted to Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks is contested in any manner, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks will retain the discretion to disqualify and discontinue use of the essay.

In consideration of judges' review of entries, winners who enter the contest grant permission (except where prohibited by law) to use and license their essay in all media without further compensation.

Entries will be judged based on relevance of message selected, persuasiveness/effectiveness of message, originality/creativity in style and delivery, overall message, and writing quality.

Essays, in whole or in part, that, in Howard County's sole judgment, are inappropriate, are noncompliant, or are in any other respect unsuitable (at the sole discretion of Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks) will not be considered.

Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be substituted.

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks and its affiliates are not responsible for technical failures in entry transmission, or lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or any damage to participants' computers relating to information about or participation in the promotion.

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks reserves the right to make any changes to the rules and/or to the contest at any time.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_